

YBES OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Principal's Note

Dear Tiger Families,

Welcome to October! We have a busy and exciting month ahead at YBES and hope that you are able to join us!

This month, our school-wide focus is on Responsibility- learning to take action and understanding how our choices impact others. Good attendance plays a huge role in building these habits, so thank you for continuing to partner with us in making sure your students arrive on time and ready to learn every day.

We appreciate all your support and look forward to a wonderful October!

Mrs. Brown

Important Dates:

- October 9th and 12th- Fall Break, Schools closed
- October 19th- End of 1st Nine Weeks
- October 20th- 2nd Grade PTO Performance 6:00
- October 21st- Fall Picture Makeup Day
- October 22nd- McDonalds Give Back Night 4-7
- October 22nd- 1949 Peanut Company and Joe Beans PTO Fundraiser begins
- October 29th- PTO Trick or Treat Candy Trail Trunk or Treat 5:30- 7:00
- October 30th- Not So Scary Spirit Day
- November 2nd- Teacher PD Day- Schools Closed
- November 3rd- Election Day- Schools Closed

Friendly Reminders for Parents:

School Pictures

- Fall school pictures were taken September 1st with a Makeup date scheduled for October 21st. Please consider ordering these as a portion of all sales go toward supporting YBES students and faculty.

Field Trips Fingerprinting

- Classes will be going on field trips this year. ALL adults that plan to attend the trip MUST be fingerprinted through CCPS. If you have been fingerprinted through CCPS within the past few years, you do not need to be fingerprinted again. Once you are fingerprinted through CCPS, you are approved for the remainder of the time that your student is a CCPS student.

Car Rider Arrival and Dismissal Safety Reminders:

- Please enter the car rider line from 24 instead of 29. Priority in line will be given to cars that are entering from 24.
- Please wait for the siren to let your student exit your vehicle.
- Please do not park on the sides of Dennis Riddle Drive.
- Please do not block the entry or exit to the side parking lot so that buses can enter and exit.
- Please be in the parking lot by 8:45. After the cones are put up, you will need to park and walk your student into the building.
- The parking lot is one way traffic. Please do not exit out of the entrance side.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Good Attendance=Academic Success

We understand many reasons students are absent from school, from health concerns to transportation challenges. We are prepared to help you if you or your student face challenges getting to school regularly or on time. We track attendance daily, notice when your student is missing from class, communicate with you to understand why they were absent, and identify barriers and supports available to overcome challenges you may face in helping your student attend school. We miss our students when they are not at school. Please contact the school if you know your child will be absent.

HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER:

- Send your child to school unless they are genuinely sick, such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or a contagious rash.
- Avoid appointments and travel when school is in session.
- Keep track of your child's attendance on the Parent Portal.
- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine (including limiting how late your child may use electronic devices), finish homework, and pack backpacks the night before.
- Have a backup plan for getting to school in case something arises.
- Communicate with the school about how we can support your child's attendance.

Character Strong and Guidance:

- During the month of October, we will focus on the Character Strong trait of **RESPONSIBILITY**. One way to define Responsibility is "taking action and understanding the impact of our choices." Taking action can mean doing the right thing or completing the tasks you have been assigned. Understanding the impact of our choices means that our actions matter. Positive and responsible actions can help people and irresponsible actions can hurt others.
- Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Responsibility. Here are 2 "PurposeFull Pursuits" for you to complete together. How many can you do this month?
- #1- As a family, think of ways in which you might make someone's life a little easier by helping a neighbor or family friend with 1 of their Responsibilities. Could you bring the garbage to the chute or out to the curb? Could you carry things in from the grocery store? Could you invite someone over for a meal or a show?
- #2-Review Responsibility as a family! Responsibility is taking action and understanding how our choices affect others. Choose 1 household chore (or more!) that requires multiple steps. Then have each member of the family select 1 step to complete to help get the job done! Maybe it is washing the dishes, doing laundry, cleaning the living room, or unloading the groceries - whatever it is, see who can be the quickest or most effective at their task!